

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-8 and 10-13 drawn to a detergent particle; and

Group II, claim 9 drawn to a process of producing a detergent particle.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-8 and 10-13.

It is submitted that no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner to consider each of claims 1-13 at present, and as such, it is improper to require restriction between process claim 9 and remaining claims 1-8 and 10-13.

Further, even if the Examiner maintains that process claim 9 is not proper for consideration at present, the Examiner is nonetheless requested to rejoin claim 9 upon indication of allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

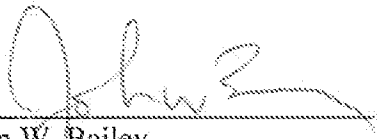
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Registration No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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